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To: Wisconsin Urban Areas

Subject: Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control (UWDAC) Grant program. Annual funding for this program is \$25,000. This program provides a 50 percent cost-sharing opportunity up to a maximum of \$5,000 to urban areas for a variety of wildlife damage and abatement control measures for white-tailed deer and Canada geese. Interest in managing urban deer and Canada goose populations continues to grow. To qualify for the maximum \$5,000 grant award, an urban area would have to submit a project with grant-eligible cost totals of at least \$10,000.

The program intends to foster and encourage the gathering of public input for solving wildlife damage problems, monitor and establish population goals, and describe and undertake control methods approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Urban deer and geese continue to be a unique challenge both to municipalities and wildlife biologists. They can become "too much of a good thing," causing health and safety concerns and significant property damage. Financial assistance in the form of UWDAC grants is available to help urban areas develop wildlife plans or to manage deer and/or geese or to implement specific damage abatement and/or control practices after the applicant's development of a wildlife plan and its approval by the DNR.

The application materials accompanying this letter explain the program in detail. **Please note that the completed application and required attachments, including the urban area's governing body's resolution authorizing grant submittal and a map of the plan or project area, must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2005.** If you submitted a resolution with a prior year's grant application that specifically stated, "...County Board does hereby appropriate a matching allocation for such project and such appropriation shall continue as long as state matching aids are available, or until this resolution is modified by this Board...", then you do not need to submit another resolution with this application.

The following criteria will be used to rank applications for grant awards:

- the extent that the application addresses prevention and abatement of nuisance wildlife problems or wildlife damage to human safety, health, property;
- the extent that the application includes long-term solutions to wildlife problems such as habitat modification or adopting a "no wildlife feeding" ordinance;

- the cost effectiveness of the plan or project;
- the severity of the wildlife damage or nuisance problem addressed by the application;
- the likelihood of preventing the specified damage or nuisance.

We look forward to your participation in this program. If you have any questions, please refer to the *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* page in the accompanying materials. Information is also available by contacting the individuals listed at the end of the FAQ page or by visiting the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/LR/Urbanwildlife/grants.html>

Sincerely,

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